

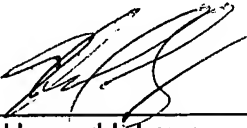
REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed September 28, 2004, applicants note that the informalities in the Amendment, submitted on September 20, 2004, have been corrected and that a Supplemental Amendment has been prepared. Accordingly, the Supplemental Amendment is being submitted concurrently herewith. In accordance with the Notice, the amendments to the Abstract now show what has been deleted and the currently amended claims include the proper status identifier.

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